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TO STRENGTHEN CHARACTER.

The Lord's Prayer should be revised to suit the peculiar views of the editor of the Oregonian. "Deliver us from temptation," should read "Expose us unto temptation," for by this process only, argues the Oregonian, can merit be determined and character formed. The devil, according to this idea, is the greatest of benefactors, for he is the great tempter, and, even if we discard the personal devil, we must, according to this philosophy, give credit to the human devil who make it their business to tempt men, women, and children to their downfall. In this light the seducer is a benefactor, for, without his efforts, how could it be determined whether any woman had sufficient strength of character to resist persuasion? Men and women must be moral salamanders, capable of passing through the fiery furnace of temptation and coming out unscathed. Little children should have thrown about them the atmosphere of evil. Instead of the sacredly guarded home circle and the Sunday School they should be placed within the reach of the tempter. Lessons of evil should be inculcated, and, if they resist them we will have a race temptation-proof, of unsurpassable virtue and integrity. It will be indeed the survival of the fittest—men and women with whom the editor of the Oregonian will be proud to associate—but few in numbers. "Paul, Paul, thou art beside thyself. Much learning hath made thee mad."

THE CLOSING YEAR.

1909 has been a good year for Columbia County. Every city and village in it has made material progress, and we think it will be admitted St. Helens has done the best of all. Among our more important accessions are the big mill, the new stone quarry of the Columbia Contract Co., the wireless telegraph station, the new three-story brick, the new addition to the big hotel, the Odd Fellows' building, the Oreadia Hotel, and very many comfortable residences. During 1910 there will be the construction of the new water system. Among minor but important new industries this year we have a steam laundry, a bakery, a plumber's, and a blacksmith's shop, several new stores and two electric theaters. Rainier has completed a very expensive system of street improvements, and at Clatskanie the Columbia Agricultural Company has started the work of reclaiming several thousand acres of overflow land. Throughout the smaller towns and agricultural sections the improvement is no less noticeable. More good road work has been done than in any two previous years, and halls, schoolhouses and comfortable homes have been built. The year has certainly been a good one, and about the best wish we can express is that the prosperity of 1909 will remain with us during the year 1910.

KIST

Fred Bergerson, of Portland, is visiting in the valley a few days.
Joe Duffield is spending Christmas week with his mother in Portland.
Miss Gertrude Wend came home Sunday from her school in Clatskanie. She will spend the holidays with parents and friends.
Nehalem dairymen have had quite a time scratching kale and roots from under the frozen snow. The weather has moderated at this writing, but the snow goes off very slow.
Tom McDaniel came in to visit his parents a few days. He brought his best girl along.
A splendid program was well carried out Xmas Eve at the Pleasant Hill schoolhouse. The recitations, dialogues and marching showed thorough preparation. Miss Walker is a good teacher of children.
Will Dallas is just recovering from a three weeks' siege of scarlet fever at the hospital in Corvallis. He is expected home in a few days.

INCOMPARABLE EGOTISTS

(H. W. SCOTT.)

The Oregonian is a newspaper of common sense. It is its fate, therefore, as it is its duty, to take its stand and hold its position against every general fallacy or folly that invades the state. It is on the right side of this question, too, as it has been on the right side of every important question that has arisen in the history of the country. But it is no prescience; it is no miraculous or exclusive gift; it is only average judgment and common sense, not to be shaken from their base by any craze or clamor. The gift of common sense, applied to conditions as they exist, applied to problems of practical life, triumphs in the long run over all ill-considered innovation, masquerading under the pretensions of reform. Balance of judgment, on conditions that must be dealt with in a state, is the rational and controlling force; and this paper endeavors always to find what that rational balance of judgment is, and to take its stand there. It may, it believes, properly appeal to its history for proof and maintenance of the general correctness and soundness of the positions it has taken on important questions that have arisen in the course of its career. Never has it been more confident on anything than on its view of the proper treatment of the liquor question in this state will justify its judgment it fully believes. Should it not now, it will later.

(JULIUS CARLIER.)

CASE. I could be well moved, if I were as you;
If I could pray to move, prayers would move me;
But I am constant as the northern star,
Of whose true-fixed and resting quality
There is no fellow in the firmament.
The skies are painted with unnumber'd sparks,
They are all fire, and every one doth shine;
But there's but one in all doth hold his place;
So, in the world, 'tis furnish'd well
with men,
And men are flesh and blood, and apprehensive;
Yet, in the number, I do know but one
That unassailable holds on his rank,
Unshak'd of motion; and that I am he.
Let me a little show it, even in this—
That I was constant Cimber should be banish'd,
And constant do remain to keep him so.

ORDINANCE NO. —

An ordinance granting unto the United Wireless Telegraph Co. its successors, legal representatives or assigns, a franchise to erect, maintain and operate a wireless telegraph station in the City of St. Helens.

The City of St. Helens does ordain as follows:

Sec. 1. That there is hereby granted unto the United Wireless Telegraph Company, a corporation, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, a franchise to erect, maintain and operate a wireless telegraph station within the limits of the City of St. Helens.

Sec. 2. That there is hereby granted for the use of the said United Wireless Telegraph Co., a corporation, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, a piece or parcel of land in Washington Square in said city, described as follows: A piece of land near the northern boundary of and in Washington Square large enough to erect a building 12 feet by 12 feet upon together with sufficient land to erect a pole, with guy wires and anchor attachments.

Sec. 3. That the land as described in Sec. 2 hereof, shall be granted unto the said United Wireless Telegraph Co., a corporation, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, for a period of five years from and after the date of the passage of this ordinance, and no rental shall be charged the said United Wireless Telegraph Co., a corporation, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, for said land, for said period of time.

Sec. 4. That this land so granted or used shall be used by the United Wireless Telegraph Co., its successors, legal representatives or assigns, for the purposes herein set forth, and for no other, and if, at any time during the life of this franchise, the said United Wireless Telegraph Co., its successors, legal representatives or assigns, shall cease to operate said wireless telegraph station for a period of 90 days, consecutively, they shall forfeit all rights under this ordinance.

Sec. 5. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as an exclusive grant of the use of said land, other than the buildings and mast, together with the necessary guy wires and anchors thereof, but the ground or land adjacent to and around the said buildings, guy wires and anchors, shall be for the use and benefit of the public and under the control of the City of St. Helens.

Sec. 6. That the said United Wireless Telegraph Co., a corporation, its successors, legal representatives or assigns shall be held liable for any damage resulting from any accident to any person or to any property by its appliances and the City of St. Helens shall be held blameless therefor.

Approved Dec. 27, 1909.

M. E. MILLER,
Mayor.

OUR PORTLAND LETTER.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 25, (Special).—Much work on the rivers and harbors of the Pacific Northwest will be accomplished during the coming year provided the recommendations of Major Melndoe, corps of United States Engineers, in charge of this district, are followed. Major Melndoe has just made his annual report to the Secretary of War and urges the expenditure of \$3,042,500 in river and harbor improvements in this district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

The largest appropriation recommended is \$1,500,000 for continuing the improvement at the mouth of the Columbia River. The sum of \$1,000,000 is urged for work in the same region between the Dalles rapids and Celilo Falls. The remainder of the desired appropriation is divided between the different coast harbors and work on the Columbia, Willamette, Snake and other rivers, including the Cowlitz, Grays and Lewis rivers in Washington.

According to the report, operations during the past year consisted largely in dredging shoal places between Portland and Astoria in the Willamette and Columbia rivers, and in extending the Columbia jetty, besides some work at Copquille and Tillamook, and dredging in the upper Willamette and upper Columbia. If Major Melndoe's recommendations are carried out, they will mean much permanent work of great value to the whole Pacific Northwest.

Portland takes fourth place among cities of the United States in what ex-

ports for the eleven months of the current year ending with November. This is according to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on breadstuffs exported from this country. Puget Sound comes next after Portland. New York is first, Philadelphia second and Duluth third. Last year Portland ranked second in the country in wheat shipments. The figures just compiled of wheat exports do not include large shipments of wheat from Portland to California. This tonnage is very heavy each year.

The fine new steamship Beat for the run between Portland and San Francisco will start west from Newport News, Virginia, January 9, and her sister ship, the Beaver, will come soon after. Both will go into commission at once upon arrival. These boats are the new Harlanian liners built for the coast route and are the finest ever in commission between here and the south.

Blooded chickens and cats from various parts of the Pacific Northwest have had their linings during the past week at the show of the Oregon Poultry and Pet Association. A splendid show was held, many of the prize fowls having been on exhibition at the recent Seattle Exposition. The exhibit of pure blood poultry shows the advance in this industry in the northwest within the past few years.

Delegates from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah will attend the convention of the Western Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, which will meet in Portland February 14, 15 and 16. Lavish entertainment of the visitors by the manufacturers of this district will be a feature of the convention and plans to give the delegates a good time are already under way. A committee, headed by W. B. Mackay, has this feature in charge. An elaborate banquet is on the program and trips to the sawmill plants near the city, excursions on the harbor, and probably a jaunt to a logging camp in the timber not far from Portland are promised. The gathering will be an important one in lumber circles and it is expected there will be 400 delegates in attendance.

Breweries are prohibited from maintaining warehouses in dry units, for the distribution of their products, according to a ruling by Attorney General Bell, of Washington. This is a reversal of his former construction of the local option law. The latest opinion was given on a question submitted by Stevens County, which recently voted to abolish saloons. As common carriers are forbidden from carrying liquors into dry territory, it is further held that a warehouse may deliver what stock it has on hand, but is unable to replenish its stock. The defeat of the local option forces in Walla Walla is the first important reversal they have met. To date, they have won 35 special elections and met defeat in 19 in that state.

I. A. Nadeau, lately director general of the successful Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and for many years one of the best known railroad men of the Pacific Northwest, has become chief representative for the Equitable Life Assurance Society as its general agent for Western Washington. The territory which comes within Mr. Nadeau's jurisdiction is large, but his personal acquaintance is very extensive, and while the insurance business is a new departure for him the successes achieved in other lines give substantial guarantee of an active and prosperous future.

The railroads have enjoyed their share of a brisk holiday season. Large quantities of merchandise in the form of small packages have been brought to the northwest. There have also been substantial shipments from this part of the country to the other sections. Post-office receipts show substantial increases over last year. The holiday travel is also above the normal. The Great Northern and Northern Pacific have carried unusual numbers of Christmas travelers this year, all of which indicate that the Northwest is enjoying prosperity.

We wish to announce to our friends and patrons that we carry a full line of Brown and Hamilton celebrated American Gentlemen and American lady shoes and would be pleased to show them to you. There is no more important detail of your attire than shoes. You will find nothing smarter or correct than our new American Gentlemen Oxford. The superiority of this, like all American gentlemen shoes, is not only in appearance, it covers every detail, inside and out. JAMES MUCKLE & SON.

MAKE YOUR MONEY GO FAR

YOU CAN DRIVE A BARGAIN NOW

THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY HAVE LEARNED THAT IT PAYS TO BUY AT OUR STORE BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS GET GOOD GOODS. OUR MERCHANDISE CAN ALWAYS BE DEPENDED ON. WE HAVE REDUCED PRICES SO THAT YOUR DOLLAR WILL NOW BUY MORE THAN A DOLLAR'S WORTH. INSTEAD OF PACKING AWAY GOODS UNTIL NEXT YEAR WE SELL THEM AT SHORT PRICES THAT WILL MAKE YOUR MONEY GO A LONG WAY.

FURNITURE, STOVES AND RANGES



Are You In Need Of ANYTHING?

We want to talk furniture with you. Do you know that our stock is first-class in every particular? We can supply every thing you need and at prices that are bound to please.

Dressers
Well made and neat in appearance, with a good mirror. Just what you want at from \$8.50 to \$12.50

Chairs
Serviceable and low priced. Can now be had at, each, 75c to \$1.75

Oak Rockers
Comfortable, serviceable and an ornament to any home. Cheap at \$3.50, now \$3.00

BEDS AND BEDDING



Our Heaters and Cookers

The cold weather is by no means over and if you are in need of a good heating stove now is the time to buy. We have some that will take away your dread of cold weather. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$14.50

A line of the best cook stoves and ranges that are made. Ranges from \$35 to \$60

If there is anything you want that we have not on hand we will get it—and sell it to you just as cheap as you could get it anywhere.



THE ROYAL CHINOOK LINE

is a recent addition to our present large and well selected stock of shoes. Neat designs, the best of material and good workmanship combine to make them leaders in the world of shoes. Equalled only by the American Gentleman Shoe—and we have it.

Jas. Muckle & Son's Department Store

CHRISTMAS AT WARREN.

Warren had a public Christmas tree last Christmas Eve. A large number of people assembled from the surrounding country and listened to the following excellent program:
Song, by the Sunday School.
Prayer, by Rev. Lew Davies.
Short address by Superintendent Davies.
Recitation, Allen and Annie Davies.
Recitation, by Elmer Beeler.
Recitation, "Santa's Cake," Hubert Cooper.
Recitation, "Santa Claus," Kathleen Peterson.
Song, "Merry, Merry Christmas," by 15 children.
Recitation, John Nelson.
Recitation, "Glad Tidings," Eleanor Larsen.
Recitation, Fanny Cooper.
Acrostic, "Christmas," nine girls.
Recitation, Frank Beeler.
Recitation, John Southard.
Recitation, Jeannette Davies.
Song, "No Room in the Inn."
Recitation, Elsie Hammer.
Recitation, Tossie Greenell.
Recitation, Frank Cooper.
Song, Kathleen and Eleanor Peterson.
Santa Claus then arrived with presents for all.

Fine pianos cheap at Montgomery's. For a first class job of painting go to Jack Skinner, Houlton, Oregon.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to sincerely thank all who contributed to the fund for my assistance after the death of my husband, Gabriel Carter, who was accidentally killed at the St. Helens quarry October 16th.
MARY CARTER

The MIST has never intimated there was anything wrong in the Chief's publishing a liquor petition or a saloon ad. The point is, and this the Chief constantly ignores, that it is the duty of a paper to take sides upon every question that is of great importance, either morally or financially, to the community in which it is published.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court, of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.
Minnie Lee, Plaintiff, vs. Carlos C. Lester, Defendant.
To the defendant in the above entitled suit: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on the 21st day of January, 1910.
Said suit is commenced by the plaintiff against you for a divorce, on the grounds of desertion, and if you fail to appear and answer between now and said day for failure thereof the plaintiff will take judgment against you for a divorce and a dissolution of the marriage now existing between you and said plaintiff.
This summons is served by publication in pursuance to an order made by the Judge of the above entitled Circuit Court, dated the 21st day of December, 1909, and ordering the first publication to be made on the 21st day of December, 1909, and the last publication to be made on the 21st day of January, 1910.
WILBUR A. SPENCER,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

We Wish Our Friend and Patrons A Happy and Prosperous New Year

And we also wish to contribute to said prosperity by furnishing you with Groceries, Dry Goods, Clothing, Etc., at the lowest possible figure. Clean, new goods, courteous treatment, and a square deal for all.



An Important Item

In all household expenses is the bill for shoes. We can cut it down to the lowest possible figure and only ask a chance to do so. Our shoes wear longest, cost the least and look the best.

A New Shipment of Fine Hats

Just opened and are now on display. Did you ever wear the Conqueror Hat? Come in and look them over. A hat for every face.

Complete Stock of Dry Goods

For every purpose and of a uniform quality—always the best. We have what you want.

J. H. WELLINGTON

ST. HELENS, OREGON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

All persons having claims against the estate of Florence E. Godfrey deceased, will please present the same, properly verified, to James Dart, at the court house in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.
Dated at St. Helens, December 14th, 1909.
J. B. GODFREY,
Administrator.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court, of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.
Grace E. McPaul, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph A. McPaul, Defendant.
To the above named defendant, Joseph A. McPaul:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled suit, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer, judgment will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: That the bonds of matrimony between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and for such other and further relief as to the court shall seem meet and equitable in the premises.
This summons is served upon you pursuant to an order made and entered in said cause, the 14th day of December, 1909, by the Hon. J. A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled court, which said order requires you to appear and answer the complaint in said suit within six weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons.

GRAHAM, CLETON & DAVIS
ARTHUR I. MULLTON,
Date of first publication Dec. 19, 1909.
Date of last publication Jan. 21, 1910.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the county court, of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, appointed administrator of the estate of Wm. Holmes, deceased, and has duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same in me, with proper vouchers, at the office of the Columbia County Abstract and Trust Company, at St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.
Dated this 5th day of Nov., 1909.
E. E. QUICK,
Administrator.

NOTICE.

My wife, Maud Ternahan, having left my bed and board I hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her.
ROBERT TERNAHAN,
Dated at Scappoose, Ore., Nov. 28, 1909.

WARNING TO ALL.

This is to give notice that I will not be responsible for any bills incurred hereafter by Charles Herr, as he is not in any way connected with me in business.
JNO. MCKIE,
St. Helens, Ore.

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